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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: (Microphone not activated immediately.) ...everyone. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the fifty-fourth day of the Ninety-Sixth Legislature, First Session. Our prayer this morning is by Legislature's chaplain, Harland Johnson.

HARLAND JOHNSON: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Harland. We'll call today's business to order. Members, would you please record your presence. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Are there any corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Any messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, this morning I have no messages, reports, or announcements.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Confirmation report, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Revenue Committee would report on the appointment of Mary Jane Egr as Tax Commissioner. (See page 1187 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Coordsen, you're recognized to open on the confirmation report.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Revenue Committee, to recommend the appointment of Mary Jane Egr as Tax Commissioner for the state of Nebraska. We heard...had the hearing last week and I think the reaction of the committee was unanimous. We believe that she is well-qualified and we appreciate her volunteering her time to serve the state of Nebraska for the next number of years. With that, Mr. President, I would